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SUBJECT: SWAPO DISSIDENTS REQUEST US ASSISTANCE

REF: LUSAKA 940

1. DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED AT REPORTED CONDITIONS IN MBOROMA CAMP AND AT POTENTIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR OUR INTERESTS. EVIDENT INTENT OF DETAINEES TO PUBLICIZE PLIGHT OF CAMP RESIDENTS AND LIKELIHOOD THAT STORY WILL REACH PUBLIC DOMAIN MAY, HOWEVER, GIVE US THE BASIS FOR AN EFFORT TO SEEK AMELIORATION OF SWAPO DISSIDENTS' TREATMENT THERE.

2. WHAT WE ARE CONSIDERING IS A LOW-KEY, PRIVATE DEMARCHE BY AMBASSADOR INCORPORATING THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:
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A. WE HAVE HAD DISTURBING REPORTS OF CONDITIONS AT MBOROMA, AND HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE THAT SWAPO DISSIDENTS WILL SOON BE SUCCESSFUL IN PUTTING THESE CHARGES IN PUBLIC DOMAIN.

B. USG IS MINDFUL THAT THIS IS MATTER BETWEEN ZAMBIA AND SWAPO, AND HAS NO WISH TO INTERFERE, BUT MUST POINT OUT

THAT IF REPORTS ARE TRUE AND BECOME PUBLIC KNOWLEDGE. THERE
COULD BE ACUTE EMBARRASSMENT TO ZAMEIA, WHICH HAS ENJOYED
A GOOD RECORD FOR HUMAN RIGHTS OBSERVANCE.

C. SUCH PUBLIC DISCUSSION COULD ALSO PUT U.S. IN AWKWARD
POSITION IN VIEW OF STRONG COMMITMENT OF CARTER
ADMINISTRATION TO PRINCIPLE OF RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

3. URGENTLY REQUEST EMBASSY COMMENTS.
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